

**Department Of Health and Human Services
Public Health Service
National Institutes of Health
National Advisory Neurological Disorders and Stroke Council**

**Summary of Meeting¹
August 7, 2025**

The National Advisory Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NANDS) Council was convened for its 227th meeting on August 7, 2025, via Microsoft Teams. Dr. Walter Koroshetz, Director of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), served as Chairperson.

In accordance with Public Law 92-463, the meeting was:

Open: August 7, 2025: 1 p.m. to 1:10 p.m. for the review and discussion of initiatives for concept clearance; and
Closed: August 7, 2025: 1:10 p.m. to 1:57 p.m. for the consideration of individual grant applications.

Councilmembers present: Dr. Amy Brin Dr. Robert Brown Jr. Dr. Yishi Jin Dr. Jane Larkindale Dr. Jin-Moo Lee Dr. John H.R. Maunsell Dr. Louise McCullough Dr. Hank Paulson	Ex officio members present: Dr. Stuart Hoffman Dr. Terry Rauch
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Council Roster (Attachment 1)

NINDS employees and members of the public in attendance (Attachment 2)

The meeting was held virtually via [NIH Videocast](#) and Microsoft Teams.

¹For the record, it is noted that members absent themselves from the meeting when the Council is discussing applications (a) from their respective institutions or (b) in which a real or apparent conflict of interest might occur.

OPEN PORTION OF THE MEETING

I. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Dr. Walter Koroshetz, Director, NINDS

Dr. Koroshetz welcomed Councilmembers to the 227th meeting of the National Advisory Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NANDS) Council.

Dr. Koroshetz provided a brief update on the status 2026 budget.

II. Initiatives for Concept Clearance

Dr. Andrea Meredith, Director, Division of Extramural Activities, NINDS

Nine new concepts were presented.

Concept 1: Reissue Research Program Award (R35) (R35 Clinical Trial Optional) *Lead: Dr. Alisa Schaefer, Program Director, Division of Extramural Activities*

Concept 2: Reissue Collaborative Opportunities for Multiple-Disciplinary, Bold, and Innovative Neuroscience (COMBINE) (RM1 Clinical Trial Optional) *Lead: Dr. Karen David, Program Director, Division of Neuroscience*

Concept 3: Reissue of the Stroke Preclinical Assessment Network (SPAN): A Preclinical Network to Support Translational Studies for Cerebroprotection in Experimental Models of Acute Ischemic Stroke, *Lead: Dr. Francesca Bosetti, Program Director, Division of Neuroscience*

Concept 4: Reissue NINDS Efficacy and Exploratory Clinical Trials (UG3/UH3 - Clinical Trial Required) *Lead: Dr. Jeremy Brown, Program Director, Division of Clinical Research*

Concept 5: Reissue Limited Competition: Post-Stroke Vascular Contributions to Cognitive Impairment and Dementia (VCID) in the United States (U19 Clinical Trial Not Allowed) *Lead: Dr. Rebecca Hommer, Program Director, Division of Clinical Research*

Concept 6: Reissue Forecast for BRAIN Initiative: Research Opportunities Using Invasive Neural Recording and Stimulating Technologies in the Human Brain (U01 Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required) *Lead: Dr. Hermon Gebrehiwet, Scientific Program Manager, Division of Neuroscience*

Concept 7: Reissue BRAIN Initiative: Integrative Team-Research BRAIN Circuits Program - iTeamBCP (RM1 Clinical Trial Optional) *Lead: Dr. Karen David, Program Director, Division of Neuroscience and Dr. Crystal Lantz, Chief, Extramural Activities, NIH BRAIN Initiative*

Concept 8: Reissue HEAL Initiative Pain Management Effectiveness Research Network (ERN) *Lead: Dr. Rebecca Hommer, Program Director, Division of Clinical Research*

Concept 9: Reissue Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Intermediate Patient Population Expanded Access (U01 Clinical Trial Required) *Dr. Amelie Gubit, Program Director, Division of Neuroscience*

The Council voted to approve all proposed concepts.

IX. Adjournment

The open session of the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m. on Thursday, August 7, 2025

CLOSED PORTION OF THE MEETING

X. Review of Conflict of Interest, Confidentiality, and Council Consideration of Pending Applications

This portion of the meeting was closed to the public in accordance with the determination that it was concerned with matters exempt from mandatory disclosure under sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., and section 1009(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. §§ 1001-1014).

Members absented themselves from the meeting during discussion of and voting on applications from their own institutions, or other applications in which there was a potential conflict of interest, real or apparent.

Conflict of Interest – Regulations concerning conflict of interest were reviewed. Councilmembers were reminded that materials furnished for review purposes and discussion during the closed portions of the meeting are considered privileged information. All Councilmembers present signed a statement certifying that they had not been involved in any conflict-of-interest situations during the review of grant applications.

Confidentiality – During the closed session, any information that is discussed and the outcome of any recommendation are considered privileged information. They may not be discussed outside of the closed session. If an applicant requests support for his or her application from a Councilmember, the Councilmember must respond that he/she is not permitted to discuss the application. Any inquiry should be referred to Dr. Andrea Meredith NINDS Advisory Council Executive Secretary, who then will refer the question to the appropriate staff member for response.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m. on Thursday, August 7, 2025.

We certify that, to the best of our knowledge, the foregoing minutes and attachments are accurate and complete.



Andrea Meredith, Ph.D.

Executive Secretary

National Advisory Neurological Disorders and Stroke Council

Director, Division of Extramural Activities

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Walter J. Koroshetz M.D.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Walter Koroshetz, M.D.

Chairperson

National Advisory Neurological Disorders and Stroke Council

Director, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

These minutes will be formally considered by the Council at its next meeting. Corrections or notations will be incorporated in the minutes of that meeting.

National Advisory Neurological Disorders and Stroke Council
Roster for Summer 2025 Council Meeting
Attachment 1

Walter J. Koroshetz, M.D. (Chairperson)
Director, National Institute of Neurological
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National Institutes of Health
Bethesda, MD 20892
(Ex Officio member)

Amy E. Brin, MSN, MA, PCNS-BC* (2025)
Executive Director/CEO
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Lexington, KY 40508

Robert H. Brown, Jr., M.D., D.Phil.* (2025)
Director Program in Neurotherapeutics
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Yishi Jin, Ph.D. (2026)
Distinguished Professor
Co-Director, The Kavli Institute of Brain and Mind
Department of Neurobiology
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University of California, San Diego
La Jolla, CA 92093

Jane Larkindale, D.Phil. (2026)
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Jin-Moo Lee, M.D., Ph.D., FAHA (2026)
Andrew B. & Gretchen P. Jones Professor
Professor, Department of Radiology
Professor, Department of Biomedical Engineering
Professor, Division of Biology and Biomedical
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Washington University School of Medicine
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John H.R. Maunsell, Ph.D.* (2025)
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Terms end July 31 of the designated year
*Serving on an administrative extension to
participate in the August 2025 Council Meeting

Ex Officio Members

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Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health
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Executive Secretary

Andrea Meredith, Ph.D.
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National Advisory Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NANDS) Council
August 7, 2025, Meeting
Attachment 2

NINDS Employees present for portions of the meeting included:

Irene Adams	Luis Guerra	Srikanth Ranganathan
Mariam Afzal	Mohamed Hachicha	Yogendra Raol
Laureni Ajayi-Obe	Kristina Hardy	Alva Recinos
Heather Allison	Adam Hartman	Matthew Rice
Ramachandran Arudchandran	Seyed-Alireza Hassani	Robert Riddle
Debra Babcock	Brian Haugen	Sarah Robinson Schwartz
Julia Bachman	Lanier Heyburn	Xing Rong
Farah Bader	Mariah Hoyer	Rebecca Roof
Patrick Bellgowan	Nina Hsu	Cheryse Sankar
Richard Benson	Eric Hudak	Shireen Sarraf
Naomi Booker	Grace Hwang	Lumy Sawaki-Adams
Francesca Bosetti	Smriti Iyengar	Alisa Schaefer
Christoffel Boshoff	Justin Jang	Gretchen Scott
Jeremy Brown	Lawrence Janis	Mengge Shan
Joseph Bruder	David Jett	Frank Shewmaker
Roger Campbell	Kevin Jones	Arvind Shukla
Emily Caporello	Dhananjaya Kempegowda	Beth Sieber
Stacey Chambers	Jenny Kim	Shardell Spriggs
Daofen Chen	Jeffrey Kopsick	Sudha Srinivasan
Bo-Shiun Chen	Walter Koroshetz	Rukmareddy Sripathi
Severn Churn	Svetlana Kotliarova	Tao Sun
Carolyn Conlin	Doe Kumsa	Christine Swanson-Fischer
Christopher Conrad	Lauren Laboissonniere	Elizabeth Sypek
Devon Crawford	Pascal Laeng	Thomas Taetzsch
Michelle Cummings	Christine Lam	Amir Tamiz
Charles Cywin	Timothy Lavaute	Carol Taylor-Burds
William Daley	Adriana Leenders	Pradeep Thapaliya
Karen David	Katherine Lehmann	Shruthi Thomas
Neel Dhruv	Quynh Ly	Natalie Trzcinski
Anthony Domenichiello	Timothy Lyden	Amy Tsou
Adele Doperalski	Marguerite Matthews	Lauren Ullrich
Argenia Doss	Sean McCarthy	George Umanah
Anahid Ebrahimi	Amber McCartney	Nsini Umoh
Debbie Eng	Linda McGavern	Ursula Utz
Judy Fabrikant	Andrea Meredith	Yolanda Vallejo
Alexandra Fang	Durga Mohapatra	Oleksandr Vedmid
Nicole Farhat	Joseph Monaco	Claudio Villalobos Dintrans
Claudia Figueroa-Romero	Diana Morales	Kevin Vizcayno
Jessica Forbes	Glen Nuckolls	Natalia Volfovsky
Megan Frankowski	Leslie Osborne	Letitia Weigand
Lauren Friedman	Marcy Pape	Rachel Weinberg
Floy Gilchrist	Tatiana Pasternak	Shellie Wilburn
Marie Gill	Michele Pearson	Ling Wong
Gabriel Gonzales	Elio Peraza	Alynda Wood
Cynthia Gonzalez	Pragya Prakash	Patrick Wright
Senthilkumar Gounder	Michele Pucak	Clinton Wright
Thomas Greenwell	Chiranjeevi Puttaswamy	
Amelie Gubit	Shantadurga Rajaram	

